

But he testified just yesterday. I thought it was pretty interesting.

The Republican attorney, Steve Castor, asked him this question: "Why don't you tell us, what did the President say to you on September 9 that you remember?"

"What did the President say?" That would be firsthand information, to answer that question.

Ambassador Sondland said: "Well, words to the effect—I decided to ask the President the question in an open-ended fashion because there were so many different scenarios floating around as to what was going on with Ukraine. So rather than ask the President nine different questions: Is it this? Is it this? Is it that?"

He is demonstrating how he might ask nine different questions. He said: "I just said, what do you want from Ukraine?"

This is exactly the quote that will now be in the transcript of his testimony yesterday. He said: "I may have even used a four-letter word." That sounds like an honest statement, then.

Sondland, the Ambassador, testified yesterday that the President's answer to that question, the question of what do you want from Ukraine was this: "I want nothing. I want no quid pro quo. I just want Zelensky to do the right thing, to do what he ran on." Then he finished up: "Or words to that effect."

That makes it pretty clear that the President isn't asking for a quid pro quo.

If there is some kind of suspicion on the part of disloyal bureaucrats who are of an opposite ideology from a duly elected President of the United States, who don't agree with his foreign policy, or who try to undermine his foreign policy and undermine the Presidency itself and the effect of the Presidency itself, that is what happens. They create these scenarios. They say that, surely, he must have wanted a quid pro quo.

This is clear evidence that there was not one. He stated multiple times that he was never told by the President that there were preconditions for the aid to be released. He was never told that there were preconditions.

I thank Congressman MICHAEL TURNER for bringing this out yesterday in such a clear fashion when he asked Ambassador Sondland so directly that question. Then Representative TURNER, to nail this down, said to Ambassador Sondland: "After you testified, Chairman SCHIFF ran out and gave a press conference and said he gets to impeach the President of the United States because of your testimony."

The understanding and the implication was that there was a quid pro quo, is what Representative TURNER is saying.

He continues the question to Sondland: "And if you pull up CNN today, right now, their banner says, 'Sondland ties Trump to withholding aid.' Is that your testimony today, Ambassador Sondland, that you have evi-

dence that Donald Trump tied the investigations to the aid? Because I don't think you are saying that."

Ambassador Sondland's response was: "I have said repeatedly, Congressman, I was presuming. I also said that President Trump," but Turner cut him off and said: "So no one told you, not just the President? Giuliani didn't tell you? Mulvaney didn't tell you? Nobody—Pompeo didn't tell you? Nobody else on this planet told you that Donald Trump was tying aid to these investigations; is that correct?"

Sondland said: "I think I already testified—"

Turner cut him off again and said: "No, answer the question. Is it correct? No one on this planet told you that Donald Trump was tying this aid to the investigations? Because if your answer is yes, then the chairman is wrong, and the headline on CNN is wrong. No one on this planet told you that President Trump was tying aid to investigations, yes or no?"

Ambassador Sondland answered "yes," which means no one told him that there was any quid pro quo. It was all in his head, and America is all tied up in these knots over this kind of secondhand information that is distorted in the minds of the people who delivered it to us.

This must be firsthand information, and it must be factual. America needs to be released from this. There is nothing here again. We are going into the third year of this Presidency, and still, they persist.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate being recognized to address you here. I wish you and everyone a very, very happy Thanksgiving. Let's come back happier than I happen to be today.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. LEWIS (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 1838.—An act to amend the Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992, and for other purposes.

S. 2710.—An act to prohibit the commercial export of covered munitions items to the Hong Kong Police Force.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, November 22, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3052. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Modification of Handling Regulations [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-18-0075; SC19-966-1 FR] received November 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3053. A letter from the Administrator, National Organic Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Organic Program; Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances per April 2018 NOSB Recommendations (Crops and Handling) [Document Number: AMS-NOP-18-0051; NOP-18-02] (RIN: 0581 AD80) received November 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3054. A letter from the Administrator, Cotton and Tobacco Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's direct final rule — Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports (2019 Amendments) [Doc. #: AMS-CN-19-0007] received November 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3055. A letter from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's interpretive rule — Truth in Lending (Regulation Z); Screening and Training Requirements for Mortgage Loan Originators With Temporary Authority received November 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3056. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket ID: FEMA-2019-0003; Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-8601] received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3057. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket ID: FEMA-2019-0003; Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-8597] received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3058. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket ID: FEMA-2019-0003; Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-8595] received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3059. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket ID: FEMA-2019-0003; Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-8603] received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3060. A letter from the Regulatory Specialist, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of the